

## KEWAUNEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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## Kewaunee County to Host 21st Annual Rural Safety Day

LUXEMBURG, WI – Teaching life lessons to hundreds of kids outside of the classroom, UW-Extension of Kewaunee County and Kewaunee County Public Health Department will be hosting Rural Safety Day on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Luxemburg from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Since this event first began in 1997, it continues to educate approximately 275 third grade students from Kewaunee County public and parochial schools each year. It is designed to raise children's awareness of the importance of practicing safety at home, on the farm and while they're out exploring.

There are 15 learning stations with safety lessons that include, tractors, farm animals, ATVs, bikes, electrical, fire, wilderness and pets.

"Before these kids head out on summer break, we want to remind them of the different types of situations that they could find themselves in and how to handle each one," says Aerica Bjurstrom, Agricultural Agent, UW-Extension.

"It's an incredible day of learning; and a fantastic partnership between the schools and our amazing community partners, who help make this day possible year after year," says Cindy Kinnard, Director of the Kewaunee County Public Health Department.

Rural Safety Day is financially supported by Kewaunee County Farm Bureau, Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion Committee and the UW Center for Agricultural Safety and Health. It also includes the participation and attendance of local veterans, Kewaunee County Board Supervisors and Kewaunee County staff.

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